

(2) "IMPACTED LAND USE AREA" MEANS AN AREA AS DEFINED IN SECTION 41(B) OF THIS ARTICLE AND AS IDENTIFIED BY AIRPORT OPERATORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 41(D) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS ANY COUNTY OR INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY.

(B) TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND GENERAL WELFARE OF OCCUPANTS OF LAND IN THE VICINITY OF NON-STATE OWNED AIRPORTS WHICH ARE LICENSED BY THE STATE AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHICH HAS A NOISE ZONE WITHIN OR PARTIALLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION SHALL ADOPT, UNDER ITS POLICE POWER, NOISE ZONE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING LOCAL NOISE ZONES WHICH ARE NO LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN THE NOISE ZONE CERTIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 41(D) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(1) THE NOISE ZONE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY BE INCORPORATED IN AND MADE A PART OF GENERAL ZONING REGULATIONS AND MAY BE ADMINISTERED AND ENFORCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL REGULATIONS. THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY DELEGATE THE DUTY OF ADMINISTERING AND ENFORCING THE NOISE ZONE REGULATIONS TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, BUT THE AGENCY SHALL NOT BE OR INCLUDE ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS.

(2) THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS SHALL IDENTIFY ON ALL ZONING MAPS, COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS THE NOISE ZONES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) NO PERSON SHALL ESTABLISH OR CONSTRUCT A NEW STRUCTURE, OR MAKE NEW USES OF LAND OR STRUCTURES, OR REPLACE EXISTING STRUCTURES, OR MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN A STRUCTURE OR USE OF LAND OR MAKE SUBSTANTIAL REPAIRS TO A STRUCTURE WITHIN A NOISE ZONE SURROUNDING A NON-STATE-OWNED AIRPORT LICENSED BY THE STATE AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. NO PERMIT SHALL BE GRANTED IF THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD CREATE OR ENLARGE AN IMPACTED LAND USE AREA. THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS WITHIN A NOISE ZONE AND ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATION TO COMMENT PRIOR TO ACTION BY THE SUBDIVISION.

(D) THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER A BOARD OF APPEALS TO GRANT VARIANCES FROM NOISE ZONE REGULATIONS. SUCH A BOARD OF APPEALS MAY:

(1) HEAR AND DECIDE APPEALS IN ALL CASES WHERE IT